



Within the same day, ALTCS members may receive personal care services in conjunction with adult day health care services. They may not receive both attendant care and adult day health care in the same day without special justification from the case manager and approval from the managed care Contractor or AHCCCS Administration for FFS members.

Group respite care services may be provided as a substitute when adult day health care services are not available. Group respite care providers are required to comply with the standards and requirements specified in this Policy for respite care.

In order to participate in group respite care, members must be:

1. Continent of bowel and bladder or able to provide self-care
2. Ambulatory, or if wheelchair bound, be self-propelling and need only standby assistance for transfer
3. Able to attend respite programs without the need of medications while in program, or be able to self-administer medications
4. Not in need of any licensed services during program's daily operation, if licensed personnel are not included in the provider's staffing for the group respite program, and
5. Not a danger to himself/herself or others.



● ATTENDANT CARE

**Description.** AHCCCS covers attendant care services provided to ALTCS members. The attendant provides assistance with a combination of services which may include homemaking, personal care, general supervision and companionship. This service enables members who might otherwise be in a nursing facility or HCB alternative residential setting to remain at, or return to, their own home when that environment is not medically contraindicated and when it is cost effective to do so. The intent of attendant care is to initiate strong support for keeping members integrated with their families, communities and other support systems. This service requires involvement from the member and/or the member's family, guardian or representative in decisions related to attendant care provider functions.

**Amount, Duration and Scope.** Attendant care services are not licensed or certified by a State regulatory board or agency.

Attendant care services are available only to ALTCS members who reside in their own home. However, attendant care services are not limited to the boundaries of the member's home. As indicated in the individualized care plan, the attendant may accompany the member as necessary in order to meet his/her needs in a variety of settings, including, but not limited to, a physician's office, school setting and workplace. Attendant care services are not reimbursable in an adult foster care home, assisted living home, an assisted living center, community residential facility or behavioral health facility as described in Policy 1230 of this Chapter.

Other HCBS may be provided in conjunction with attendant care. However, within a given day, attendant care services may not be provided in conjunction with personal care, home delivered meals and homemaker services without special justification by the case manager and approval by the ALTCS Contractor or AHCCCS Administration for FFS members.

Adult day health care/group respite services are also excluded on days when attendant care is provided unless rationale has been specifically justified by the members case manager, and approved by the ALTCS Contractor or AHCCCS Administration for FFS members.

Under 9 A.A.C. 22, Article 2, the Contractor has the discretion to approve attendant care services temporarily in a "Contractor Out-of-Service Area", in circumstances when it would be of benefit for the member and is cost effective. An example would be for a family caregiver to be paid for accompanying the member while in a "Contractor Out-of-Service Area" in lieu of a nursing facility stay for the member.